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- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-38	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-38	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-38	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following documents which were first raised in the corresponding International Search Report:

D1 - Advances in Experimental Medicine and Biology, 1997, vol. 427, pages 201-210

D2 - Journal of Cardiovascular Risk, 2000, vol. 7, no. 5, pages 333-337

D3 - EP 0 506 166

D4 - EP 0 550 060

D5 - EP 0 747 397

D6 - EP 0 846 704

D7 - WO 97/35889

NOVELTY:

No individual citation teaches all of the features of the claimed invention, which is a method of regulating carbohydrate and fat metabolism in an individual comprising replacing at least 5% of the individual's daily carbohydrate intake with resistant starch and at least 10% of the individual's saturated fat intake with unsaturated fat (claim 1) and a food composition comprising at least 2g of resistant starch and at least 2g of unsaturated fat wherein the resistant starch makes up at least 5% of the total starch content (claim 13).

INVENTIVE STEP:

The invention the subject of the claims of the present application seems to hinge upon two very well known aspects of healthy human nutrition: the use of resistant starch and the use of unsaturated fat in a nutritive diet. A diet containing resistant starch is known (in the common general knowledge - see D1, D3, D4 et al.) to reduce glycemic response (and hence the incidence of diabetes), to reduce serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels (and hence the incidence of coronary disease etc.), and to lower fecal pH and to increase fecal bulking (and hence reduce the incidence of colonic cancers etc.). Furthermore, it is part of the common general knowledge in the art (see D1, D2 et al.) that a diet containing an increased proportion of unsaturated fat (compared with saturated fat) contributes toward a reduction in serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels and also toward a positive effect on the glucose/insulin system (hence decreasing the incidence of diabetes). Clearly, therefore, a diet rich in both resistant starch and unsaturated fat (at the expense of saturated fat) would provide numerous nutritive benefits.

Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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Composition claims 13-25, 34-38 cannot be considered inventive when compared with the prior art in the light of the common general knowledge because they pertain to compositions comprising both resistant starch and unsaturated fat and which produce results which are no more than the expected aggregate results for each of the individual components. That is, there is no evidence for any synergistic effects between the components. Nor is there any evidence pertaining to any unexpected technical difficulties overcome in combining the components. Hence, documents D1, D3, D4 etc (pertaining to the nutritive benefits of resistant starch) in combination with the common general knowledge (pertaining to the nutritive benefits of unsaturated fat as evidenced by D2, for example) are prejudicial to the inventive step of these claims.

Moreover, method claims 1-12, 26-33 cannot be considered inventive when compared with the prior art in the light of the common general knowledge due to the following. Firstly, as noted above, the skilled artisan would be motivated to combine the benefits of both resistant starch and unsaturated fat in order to arrive at a method for regulating fat and carbohydrate metabolism, reducing the incidence of diabetes, reducing glucose and/or insulin (et al.) in an individual. Secondly, any of the specific effects ascribed to the resistant starch/unsaturated fat nutritive diet but not specifically taught in the prior art (such as reducing plasma leptin concentrations) would, clearly, occur inherently as a result of this method. That is, while some of these effects, such as reducing leptin concentrations, are not reported in the above documents, the use of a resistant starch/unsaturated fat nutritive diet would inherently produce this effect. Therefore, claims 1-12, 26-33 cannot be considered inventive when compared with the teachings of the above documents (D1, D3, D4 etc. which disclose the various beneficial properties of resistant starch) in the light of the common general knowledge (as exemplified by D2 which teaches the beneficial effects of replacing saturated fat with unsaturated fat).

Hence, claims 1-38 cannot be deemed inventive when compared with the above documents in the light of the common general knowledge as the subject matter of the claims would be considered routine to one of ordinary skill in the art.